

CONGRESS ACTS ON WAR RESOLUTION

Germans Forcing Austria to Break With U.S.?

PRESSURE IS BRINGING ON SPLIT, CLAIM

Report Says Vienna Government Will Sever Relations With America.

BIG SCANDAL BARED

Ministers of Justice, War and Finance Quit—Sensation Caused.

London, April 4. (4 p. m.)—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company received here today, says that Austria-Hungary will break diplomatic relations with the United States as the result of strong German pressure.

At the conference attended by Emperor William and Emperor Charles and the minister and generals of the central powers, the correspondent says, the chief subject dealt with was the American situation.

The conference is also said to have received important declarations from Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, on the possibility of an early peace. Emperor of Austria intimated, it is added, to make a statement to the world shortly to that effect in the name of the central powers.

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According to the dispatch the three ministers assisted by the emperor, formerly director of the Vienna deposit bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold foodstuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

At the trial of Dr. Franz Dietrichs, which continued the judge said the ministers had urged a paper which was used in the emperor's speech to the Reichstag, and which was intended to mislead the Reichstag and to mislead the public.

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WOODRUFF AGAIN PEORIA'S MAYOR

Is Elected Head of City for Sixth Time Republicans Get Majority of Official Offices.

Peoria, Ill., April 4. Mayor Edward N. Woodruff was elected mayor of the city of Peoria for the sixth time yesterday, defeating David P. Long, Democratic candidate, by 101 in a total vote of 1,553.

The Republicans elected six of the eight judges of the city and twelve of the thirteen aldermen.

The Democrats elected only Charles Schaefer for treasurer, who defeated Earl Wolf by over four thousand majority.

Shelton T. McGrath was named as the Republican candidate for the general assembly, defeating Charles Stubbins in the county primary.

Kaiser Gets Laugh Out of Sec. Lansing

Washington, April 4.—Germany's reply to the American note which refused to accept the interpretation of the old Prussian treaty of 1795 and 1825 because of Germany's "grievous violations" of the treaty, contains almost an argument in refutation of the American contention, but states that Germany will live up to that part of the treaty dealing with Americans in Germany.

When Secretary Lansing's attention was directed to the statement from Berlin that a state of war would exist if Germany in Germany, he thought a comment, smiled broadly and said:

"I am sorry to hear that."

Apparatus officials here think the only change could be one for the better.

The only comment on the further statement that Germany would not go to war with the United States, even if the United States went to war with Germany, was that that would make it much easier for this country.

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ENGLAND AWAITS CONGRESS ACTION

London, April 4. (4:15 p. m.)—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council and government spokesman in the house of commons today stated in the lower house of parliament that until President Wilson's speech had been discussed by the United States congress the British government was satisfied it would not be right to take official notice of it.

TEUTON AGENTS INCITE NEGROES

Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—Reports that German agents are working in southern states, particularly in the tobacco and cotton belt, to incite negroes against the United States government, were confirmed here today by local federal agents. These officials announced that steps already have been taken in this district to prevent effective results from rising out of the activities.

HOUSE FOR TRAINING

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—The house today unanimously concurred in the senate joint resolution placing Illinois on record in favor of universal military training.

Latest Bulletins

London, April 4.—President Wilson's address to congress, translated into German, is being distributed liberally over the German lines by British aviators.

New York, April 4.—Word was received here today of the arrival of the American steamships Finland and St. Paul at English ports. Both ships left an American port on March 21. They were armed.

Petrograd, April 4.—The Russian provisional government today repealed all laws actually in force limiting the rights of Russian citizens regarding creeds and religions.

Washington, April 4.—A bill to grant American citizenship to all Germans who have lived in the United States five years was introduced today by Senator Townsend of Michigan.

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MOURNS OWN POLICY

German Government Criticized for Failure to Enter Bryan Treaty.

Berlin, Tuesday, April 3. (via London, April 4. 10 p. m.)—"President Wilson's message is not surprising," says the Tagesschau, "but do the people of the United States have the same view? That is hard to say."

"German policy now pays the penalty for failure to conclude a Bryan treaty with the United States, such as Great Britain and other great powers made. It is an agreement, however, that the United States would be compelled to submit even the most important questions to a commission for investigation before breaking off relations. Such an investigation would take at least a year. It is not impossible that President Wilson would have accepted himself of such a way out of a serious situation."

End of Monroe Doctrine. President Wilson must realize that the results of his policy will be the end of the Monroe Doctrine. It means the end of the policy of avoiding entangling alliances, which since the days of Washington has been an article of faith. It is a change from provincialism to world citizenship involving participation in European affairs. The predominance of the policy of imperialism, which heretofore has been fought hardest by Democrats, is now complete. The effect on internal affairs of the United States cannot be avoided.

Realize Greatness of New York. "But we shall not appreciate too highly the consequences for us of the entry of America into the ranks of our enemies. The possibility of our going to war by the outbreak of an expedition to the western front or by co-operating with the so far insubstantial British fleet may be controlled, but any accession of strength to our enemies is undesirable, no matter how small. Nor do we forget that the union with 100,000,000 persons in the richest nation in the world. Nor must we overlook the moral effect on France and Russia."

Most of the other newspapers (this far have made no comment, printing the news dispatches regarding President Wilson's speech with cautious marks and saying that the dispatches have come by way of London and have not been confirmed.

GERMANY HAVING LABOR TROUBLES

Copenhagen, (via London, April 4. 7:19 a. m.)—The Berlin Tagesschau says that labor difficulties have broken out in the big Vulcan ship building works at Hamburg. The workmen demand a one-third increase in their wages. The Vulcan works are where most of Germany's great ocean liners have been built.

Labor difficulties and strikes have been reported from various sections of Germany in the last few months. Trouble of a serious nature in Hamburg was reported from various sources following the Russian revolution. These reports were substantiated by statements of socialist deputies in the Reichstag referring to "the deplorable events in Hamburg and Bremen."

CONVICTS LEAP IN AUTO; ESCAPE

Joliet, Ill., April 4.—Several convicts jumped into Warden Zimmer's motor car as it stood at the big gate of the state penitentiary today and made a dash for freedom. The escaped prisoners had a good start and gained the open road before pursuing posses left the city streets.

Prison officials began checking up to learn the identity of the runaways.

KIEL IS ST. LOUIS MAYOR

St. Louis, April 4.—Mayor Henry W. Kiel and the entire republican city ticket were elected here yesterday.

A MUCH NEEDED JOB OF MENDING

By BRINKERHOFF.



Drys in Big Cleanup at State Polls

Chicago, April 4.—Dry forces administered a severe defeat to the liquor forces in the middle west yesterday.

The capitals of two states and one of the principal cities of a third, in addition to a number of small towns voted to close their saloons. Springfield, Ill., and Madison, Wis., were the capitals which went into the prohibition column, and Duluth, Minn., the third city of the state and one of the principal great lake ports, voted dry.

Practically complete returns show that 21 towns other than Springfield voted dry in Illinois, while 11 granted license. Eleven of the towns voting dry already were dry, while nine of those favoring the saloons had then the past year.

Townships which changed from the wet to the dry column were: Atkinson (Henry county), Clear Lake (Sangamon county), Springfield (Sangamon county), Danforth (Franklin county), Gold (Bureau county), Highland (Grundy county), Lake (Clinton county), Union (Livingston county), Cartersville (Williamson county), Wauconda (Lake county).

Townships continuing dry were: Albia (Henry county), Cornwall (Henry county), Maine (Cook county), Richmond (Shelby county), Centralia (Clinton county), Shawnee (Gallatin county), Meridian (Clinton county), Brookside (Clinton county).

Townships changing from dry to wet were: Good (Franklin county), Vernon (Lake county).

Townships continuing wet were: Dixon (Sangamon county), Grand Tower (Jackson county), Ottawa (La Salle county), South Fork (Christian county), Hopkins (White county), Harmon (Lee county), Northfield (Cook county), Otto (Kankakee county), Valley (Starbuck county), Milwaukee.

April 4.—Thirty-nine places in Wisconsin which formerly were "wet" yesterday entered the "dry" column; 41 "dry" points switched to "wet"; 42 "dry" remained in that class and 53 "wet" voted to stay so.

DEMOCRATS GAIN IN CHICAGO ELECTION

Chicago, April 4.—In yesterday's aldermanic election the Democrats won 22 seats in the city council, the Republicans 12 and the Socialists 2, giving the Democrats almost a two-thirds majority. The Democrats net gain yesterday was 11. The Democrats also elected the new city clerk and city treasurer.

OTHER LANDS TO TAKE STEP AMERICA HAS

Capital Officials Believe Neutrals May Follow Lead of This Nation.

Washington, April 4.—The United States' entrance into the war, it is believed here, will have a tremendous moral effect, particularly on neutral countries. China, the only nation to follow America's action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, may again follow this country in declaring war. Premier Yuan and most of the cabinet are understood to favor actual belligerency as suggested by the allies and as offering opportunity to create a national army, secure representation in the peace conference, postponement of the Boxer indemnities and permission to increase customs duties. President Li Yuan Hung, however, is said to feel that China has already gone far enough.

Some of the South American countries also may possibly follow the action of this government, particularly Brazil and Bolivia, which have already protested against Germany's submarine campaign. Brazil especially is said to be bitter against Germany, because of the seizure of Brazilian coffee at the beginning of the war. Argentina, Chile and Mexico, however, have given indications that they will adhere to strict neutrality.

ONE AMERICAN DEAD IN U-BOAT SINKING

New York, April 4.—One American freeman, believed to be Frank Burns of Newport News, Va., was among the seven members of the crew who lost their lives when the British steamship Stanley was sunk by a German submarine about one hundred miles west of the Irish coast on March 21. Fifteen survivors brought here yesterday by the steamship Port Albany fear that their captain and 18 more men also were lost. The boat drifted away from the boat that was picked up by the Port Albany at Bany and has not been heard of. Burns, and another freeman died of exposure in the open life boat.

ARMY MEN TO BE IN UNIFORMS

New York, April 4.—On orders issued from eastern department headquarters here the men at all army posts along the Atlantic coast will appear today in their field service uniforms.

Whitlock at Berne, Tells of Farewell

Berne, April 3. (via Paris, April 4. 12:45 a. m.)—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, reached Berne at 6 o'clock this evening looking worn and weary. He admitted feeling extremely nervous and fatigued after the tremendous strain under which he has been working, which has been especially hard during the last few weeks. Mr. Whitlock was accompanied from Zurich to Berne by Pleasant A. Stovall, American minister to Switzerland, who, with the legation attaches, an official especially delegated by Governor General Von Bissing. The party left Brussels on Monday night on a special train.

Mr. Whitlock described his departure from Brussels as extremely touching. The Belgians, who since the outbreak of relations between the United States and Germany have been patriotically anxious lest the departure of the Americans might mean starvation for them, gathered by thousands at the Gare Du Nord to say farewell.

NEGRESS ASKS WRIT TO KEEP MARJORIE

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted in the Illinois supreme court today by Mrs. Camilla Jackson, a negro, of Chicago, to regain possession of Marjorie DeBridges, a white child, adopted by Mrs. Jackson. The petition was not acted on by the court.

THE WEATHER

Forecast THU 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Unsettled weather, and probably rain tonight. Somewhat colder, with the lowest temperature near freezing. Thursday, generally fair.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 40. Highest yesterday, 54. Lowest last night, 38. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 50; at 7 a. m., 73; at 1 p. m. today, 70. Stage of water, 8.4; a fall of 3 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.

SENATE VOTE IS EXPECTED LATE IN DAY

Only Exceptionally Long Talk by La Follette Can Block Progress.

IS PUT BEFORE HOUSE

Committee Reports It Out—Representatives Take It Up Tomorrow.

Washington, April 4.—Congress got down to work on the war resolution today with prospects of remaining in session continuously until it is disposed of.

After debate on the administration war resolution in the senate had proceeded two hours, Democratic leaders expressed the belief a vote would be reached early this evening and that only an unusually long speech by Senator La Follette would postpone action beyond that time.

Senator La Follette began to speak on the war resolution in the senate late this afternoon.

The house foreign affairs committee today accepted the senate's war resolution in place of its own and favorably reported the resolution for passage.

Representative Shackelford of Missouri, Democrat and Representative Cooper, Republican of Wisconsin, were the only members of the committee to vote against the war resolution.

By unanimous consent the house agreed today to begin discussion of the war resolution tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. No special rule limiting debate will be brought in, and the house will remain in continuous session until the resolution is passed.

In the senate, it was taken up at 10 o'clock by unanimous consent and with administration leaders determined to permit no other business to interfere with it.

La Follette Absent at Opening. Senator La Follette, who yesterday forced the resolution over until today was not in the chamber when Senator Hitchcock got unanimous consent to take it up.

Almost every other senator and many house members were present when the debate began.

In a brief opening statement, Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution, said the present was a time for "action, not discussion."

"The time for discussion has passed," he said. "The president has already stated more clearly, effectively, more conclusively the reasons which make this grave step necessary. The resolution provides for war against the imperial German government. It is framed on the lines of other war resolutions. It places responsibility for the war squarely upon the shoulders of the German government, charged with repeated acts of war against the United States. It is

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U-BOAT IS SUNK WITH ALL ABOARD

St. John, N. B., April 4.—The sinking of a German submarine which attacked their ship 90 miles off Queens-town, Ireland, was reported by officers of a British steamer on arrival here today. In a cargo light the merchantman scored a direct hit, officers said, and the undersea boat went to the bottom with all hands. The steamer was slightly damaged by shell fire.

ASKS SEIZURE OF GERMAN VESSELS

Washington, April 4.—Senator Lodge, ranking republican member of the foreign relations committee, in supporting the war resolutions today, declared that the United States should seize the German merchant ships now in American ports and use them to replace ships Germany has sunk by submarines.

KESSINGER TAKES LANDEE POSITION

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—A Republican caucus today agreed upon Senator Harold C. Kessinger of Aurora as chairman of the education committee to succeed the late Senator Landee of Illinois. In a caucus, held at the hotel in the Thirteenth district, to fill the vacancy caused by the election to the bench of Senator Swanson, to be chairman of the committee on charitable, penal and reform institutions.